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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 870.

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FILING COMPLETION UNDER RULE 53(f)

(NOT PCT Applications)
For Design, Provisional, or Utility ApplicationsPATENT
APPLICATIONCOMPLETION Under
Rule 53(f)

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Inventor(s): KIKUCHI et al.

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Client Ref

Filed: November 28, 2001

Title: DIGITAL RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS WITH BUILT-IN STORAGE

Attn: Application Division

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Date: January 17, 2002

Sir:

The following **completes the filing** under **Rule 53(f)** of the above-identified patent application:

1. **Notice to File Missing Parts** ☒ copy attached ☐ not yet received
2. ☒ Signed Declaration attached. ☒ Original ☐ Facsimile/Copy

(Always "X" box 2 if filing signed Declaration and

"X" box 2A only if top box of the Declaration is X'd and file application copy, or"X" box 2B only if none of the top three boxes of the Declaration is X'd.)

- 2A. ☐ Attached: Original signed Declaration with attached specification (including claim(s)) which is a copy of specification and claim(s) originally filed to secure the above filing date.
- 2B. ☐ The original application as filed in the PTO on the above filing date is the application which each inventor executed by signing the attached Rule 63 Declaration.
3. ☐ Specification originally filed in non-English language; hence verified translation attached of:
- a. ☐ Abstract
- b. # pages of Specification(only spec. & claims)
- c. ☐ Drawing(s) No of Sheets
- ☐ Fig(s).
4. ☐ Letter filing formal drawing attached.

5. ☒ Attached is an assignment and cover sheet. Please return the recorded assignment to the undersigned.
6. **DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1)		(2)	
(3)		(4)	
(5)		(6)	

7. **FOREIGN** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in JAPAN

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1) 2000-365928	November 30, 2000	(2)	
(3)		(4)	
(5)		(6)	

9. _____ (No.) Certified copy (copies): ☐ attached; ☐ previously filed (date) _____
in U.S. Application No. _____ / _____ filed on _____
10. Small Entity Status ☐ ☒ is Not claimed ☐ is claimed (file PAT-256 if this is the first claim of Small Entity Status)
11. ☐ Attached:
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment:

THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY ABOVE CANCELLED

				Large/Small Entity		Fee Code
13. Basic Filing Fee Design Application				\$330/\$165		106/26
Not Design Application				\$740/\$370	+740	101/201
14. Total Effective Claims	17	minus 20 =	0	x \$18/\$9	+0	103/203
15. Independent Claims	3	minus 3 =	0	x \$84/\$42	+0	102/202
16. If <u>any proper</u> multiple dependent claim (ignore improper) is present, (Leave this line blank if this is a reissue application)				\$280/\$140	+0	104/204
17. Surcharge for filing Declaration/filing fee late				\$130/\$65	+130	105/205
18. FILING FEE ENCLOSED =				\$870		
19. Original due date: February 4, 2002						
20. Petition is hereby made to extend the <u>original</u> due date to (1 mo)				\$110/\$55 =	+0	115/215
cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee (2mos)				\$400/\$200 =		116/216
is attached (3mos)				\$920/\$460 =		117/217
(4mos)				\$1,440/\$720 =		118/218
21. If "non-English" box 3 is X'd, add Rule 17(k) processing fee				\$130	+0	139
22. If "assignment" box 5 is X'd, add recording fee				\$40	+40	581
23. Petition Fee for				\$130	+0	
24. TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =				\$910		

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